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Firestone Plans for Gateway Project, Others in 2015

FIRESTONE, Colorado – By year end the design will be complete for the Firestone Gateway Project which will include full build out of curb and gutter, center median islands, sidewalks, landscaping and aesthetics on Firestone Boulevard from the Frontage Road to Bailey Street creating a true entrance way to the community.

Town Engineer Dave Lindsay expects bidding to take place in February 2015 and construction beginning in the spring. The Firestone Gateway Project is estimated to cost approximately \$3 million, which will be funded specifically through the one cent sales tax increase passed by voters last fall. However, the Town has recently submitted a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant application seeking \$1.3 million in funds toward the project. The Town anticipates grants to be awarded in early 2015. DOLA funds are derived from oil, gas, carbon dioxide, coal and metals extracted in Colorado. The program is designed to offset impacts of the energy industry on local governments.

As part of the Gateway Project, Firestone hopes to partner with two additional entities to make improvements near Interstate 25 and the Frontage Road. First, the developers of the Firestone City Centre plan to make additional required improvements along the Frontage Road as part of their overall development plan. The developers believe that there is a benefit to have the work completed with the Town's Gateway Project to allow for project wide efficiencies and savings. And second, the Town has been working with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to complete repairs to the medians at the intersection of I-25 and the Frontage Road.

In addition to the Gateway Project, other projects planned for 2015 include:

- **Sable Avenue Sidewalk** - A new sidewalk will be added along the south side of Sable Avenue from Birch Street to Colorado Boulevard making an important and needed safe trail connection. The new sidewalk will be paid through the sales tax increase.
- **Colorado Boulevard Rehabilitation** - Throughout the winter of 2015 and before spring water demands the Last Chance Ditch Culvert will be replaced utilizing Impact Fee funding. Then, beginning next summer, Colorado Boulevard will be repaired between Mountain Shadows Boulevard and Zinnia (CR 26). The street project will be paid through the sales tax increase.

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